

Keeping your **GOLD** safe



There has been a number of burglaries where gold and jewellery has been stolen. If you have high valuable gold or jewellery it is worth investing some money into protecting them from theft.

Here are some tips to help protect your valuable gold and jewellery and reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime:

- Invest in a good quality safe, secured to a brick wall or floor. Make sure your safe is of the best quality standard, visit www.securedbydesign.com or www.soldsecure.com A free standing safe can be removed quickly by a burglar, and a low quality safe can be easily prised open.
- Consider removing your jewellery from your home - speak to your bank to find out what safety deposit boxes are available.
- Make sure your jewellery is marked with a security product appropriate for use on jewellery and register your property free of charge at www.immobilise.com
- Photograph each piece of valuable gold or jewellery and keep with a written description - this will help in appealing for information and returning it to you if it is ever stolen.
- Don't be tricked in letting offenders in. Always check callers before opening the door and, if you are not sure, don't open the door.

In an emergency call **999**

For non-emergencies call **101**

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You can deter an offender from entering your home by following this advice:

- Keep front and back doors locked at all times – even when you are at home.
- If you open windows for air, make sure that they are closed before you go out or leave the room.
- Keep keys and other valuables out of sight and reach from cat flaps, letterboxes and downstairs doors and windows.
- Leave a light on or use a timer switch so that your house looks occupied if you are out after dark.
- Invest in an approved house alarm, this is a real deterrent to burglars.
- Don't advertise when you are away on holiday, attending weddings or functions. Do not let offenders gain information about when your house may be unoccupied.
- Make sure your home looks occupied whilst you are away by stopping or redirecting post, and cancel other deliveries. Arrange for a friend or trusted neighbour to pick up the post to check on your property, and to open and draw curtains.
- Is the person at the door saying they are from the Police/ Waterboard/Utility Company? Do not allow them to enter your property until they have shown you Identification. If you are still not sure, close the door and call the police or company they claim they are from to verify their identity. Do not use the phone number they provide you with or their phone to do this. If you are not sure - do not open the door.
- Consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. If there is no local scheme, why not start your own?

Learn more about preventing unwanted callers at your door, doorstep crime and all other crime prevention by visiting www.northants.police.uk/information/crime-prevention

Report any suspicious behaviour in your neighbourhood by calling police on **101**. In an emergency, dial **999**.

If you have any information about crime or criminals, call police on **101** or **Crimestoppers** anonymously on **0800 555 111**

